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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: TIPPING, ET AL.  
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MACHINE

EXAMINER: MAKHDOOM,  
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**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present communication is a response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003. Please amend the application as follows.